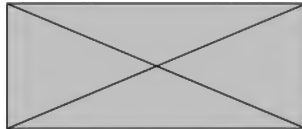


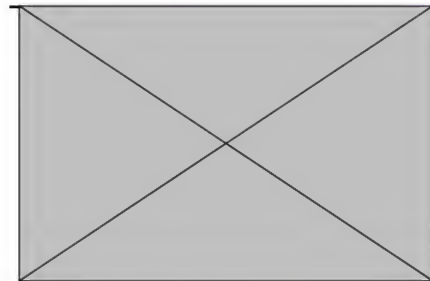
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Trump is headed to Salt Lake City to reduce Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante, here's what you need to know



Dear Chris,

On Monday, President Trump will be in Salt Lake City to announce drastic cuts Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments. The Washington Post, Outside Online and The Salt Lake Tribune have all reported that President Trump will be repealing protections for more than two million acres of public lands - removing protections for 85% of Bears Ears National Monument and almost half of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. This amounts to the largest elimination of protected areas in U.S. history.



This is the moment we have been preparing for since April, when the President announced his review of our national monuments, and our legal teams and grassroots partners are ready.

With the guidance and support of our Board of Directors, the Conservation Lands Foundation is prepared to enter into litigation for the first time in the history of the organization.

We remain firm in our belief that Trump's order ignores the law and comments from more than 2.8 million Americans who asked the administration to leave these

monuments as they are. Standing for our national monuments, Native American Tribes and the Antiquities Act in court is the right thing to do and we're ready for this fight.

The Conservation Lands Foundation and our Friends Grassroots Network are taking part in several events over the coming days:

- Conservation groups, tribes and concerned citizens will be rallying against the President's Monumental Mistake on the steps of the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City at 1pm on Saturday;
- Native American Tribes will be gathering in Bears Ears National Monument;
- On Monday, Trump will announce the changes to monuments established by former presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, respectively, at the Utah Capitol before a crowd of supporters, including Sen. Orrin Hatch.
- CLF staff will immediately respond with a press statement and robust press outreach.

Once Trump makes his announcement, we will act:

- Native American Tribes will be the first to file suit against Trump's decision
- Represented by legal teams from Hogan Lovells, the Conservation Lands Foundation will file suit with Friends of Cedar Mesa, Utah Dine Bikeyah, Archaeology Southwest, Outside Access Fund and Patagonia in Washington DC to uphold protections for Bears Ears National Monument;
- Represented by legal team from Covington & Burling, the Conservation Lands Foundation will file suit with Grand Staircase Escalante Partners in Washington DC to uphold protections for Grand Staircase-Escalante

Defending and upholding protections for our national monuments through the power of the grassroots is what we were built for. Our Friends Grassroots Network partners in Utah and beyond are clear that an attack on one monument is an attack on all. If President Trump is successful in altering Bears Ears or Grand Staircase, it means none are truly safe and century of conservation could be dismantled piece by piece.

Thank you for standing with us in our efforts to protect our public lands for the future. We know you have many options as you consider your year-end philanthropic giving. If you haven't done so already, we ask you today to please consider a gift to the Conservation Lands Foundation to empower local communities and protect our national monuments for the future.

Let's not allow our work over the past ten years be destroyed. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Brian Sybert
Executive Director

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